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(CRD #721408)

IN THE MATTER OF:

839 S. Westwood #245 Mesa. Arizona 85210

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STEPHEN MICHAEL JOHNSON d/b/a FERNDALE FINANCIAL GROUP

Respondent.

PROCEDURAL ORDER

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 29, 2001, the Securities Division ("Division") of the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") filed a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing Regarding Proposed Order to Cease and Desist, for Restitution, for Administrative Penalties, and for Other Affirmative Action ("Notice") against Stephen Michael Johnson (CRD #721408) d/b/a Ferndale Financial Group, ("Respondent") in which the Division alleged that Respondent has engaged in acts, practices, and transactions that constitute violations of the Arizona Securities Act ("Act").

On April 13, 2001, Respondent filed a request for hearing.

On April 24, 2001, the Commission, by Procedural Order, scheduled a pre-hearing conference for May 8, 2001 in this matter.

On May 8, 2001, the pre-hearing was held as scheduled. Respondent appeared without the assistance of counsel. The Division appeared with counsel. Following discussions between the parties, it was agreed that a hearing should be scheduled on the issues raised in the Notice on July 23, 2001. In the interim, the parties agreed to attempt to resolve the issues raised in the Notice.

On July 3, 2001, the Division filed a Motion to Continue the hearing for an indefinite period of time. The motion indicates that the Respondent signed a proposed consent order on June 29, 2001. The Division expects to present this order for consideration by the Commissioners at the open meeting scheduled for July 24, 2001. Respondent has no objection to the motion.

1 Accordingly, the hearing in this matter should be continued. 2 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for July 23, 2001, at 9:00 a.m., is hereby vacated and continued indefinitely. However, if for some reason this case is not resolved and 3 a hearing is required, it is the responsibility of the Division to file a motion to set this matter for a 4 5 hearing. The Commission finds that this delay is indispensable to the interests of justice, and that no party will be prejudiced by this delay. 6 DATED this \(\mathcal{O} \) day of July, 2001. 7 8 9 10 11 P J. DION III ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE 12 13 Copies of the foregoing mailed delivered this <u>/o</u> day of July, 2001 to: 14 15 Stephen Michael Johnson d/b/a FERNDALE FINANCIAL GROUP 16 839 S. Westwood #245 Mesa, Arizona 85210 17 Robert A. Zumoff 18 Assistant Attorney General ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE 19 1275 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 W. Mark Sendrow, Director 21 Securities Division ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 22 1300 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007 23 ARIZONA REPORTING SERVICE, INC. 24 2627 N. Third Street, Suite Three Phoenix, Arizona 85004-1104 25 26 By: Debbi Person 27 Secretary to Philip J. Dion, III

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